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“Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1)(Rule)”

Re: International Application No.PCT/JP02/13270

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Dear Sir.

The applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on 01.04.03, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

Further, the Applicant hereby cancels (sheet No.8-9) entirely, because the intended amendment results in the cancellation of all the claims therein. Thus claims 2, 5, and 7 are deleted, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 - 10 are amended.

The Applicant also files as attached herewith a brief statement explaining the amendment and indicating any impact that amendment therein might have on the description.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment:

Amendment under Article 19(1) 1 sheet

Brief Statement 1 Sheet

What is claimed is:

1. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box comprising a void the size of a sputtering target; wherein said transport box further having an inner frame comprising a void the size of a sputtering target; a plastic inner box comprising a lower plate and an upper plate; an outer box formed of aluminum, wood or a material in which plastic is affixed to aluminum or wood and comprising an outer frame, a bottom plate, a top plate and a cover having an inner size that is greater than said inner box; the inner box charged with the sputtering target is further placed in the outer box for transport; the inner box may be independently removed from the outer box for transport; supports for mechanical transport are provided to the bottom plate of said transport box and wheels for man-powered transport are provided to the edge portion of said bottom plate; and the height from the bottom plate of the supports is greater than the height from the bottom plate of the wheel.
2. (Deleted)
- 15 3. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to claim 1, wherein a handle is mounted on the side face or bottom plate on the side opposite to the bottom plate comprising the wheel, and the transport box is inclined during transport with the handle and the load is supported with the wheel such that the supports do not interfere with the floor face.
4. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to claim 1 or claim 3, wherein resin or wood for cushioning the impact with the floor face of a building is affixed to the respective faces of the periphery, corners and supports of the transport box.
- 20 5. (Deleted)
6. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to any one of claims 1, 3 or 4, wherein a conductive thin film is affixed to the outer surface of the outer box in order to prevent electrification.
- 25 7. (Deleted)
8. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to any one of claims 1, 3, 4 or 6, wherein the inner box has a through-type hold.
9. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to any one of claims 1, 3, 4, 6
- 30 or 8, wherein a cushion material is placed between the outer box and inner box for transport.

Amendment under Article 19

10. (Amended) A sputtering target transport box according to any one of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 or 9, further having a joint capable of removably fixing the outer box cover and outer frame.